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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" How best to rehabilitate them in the matter of cultivation, housing and in other respects is being considered."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Will the Government drop the proposal of auctioning the houses built in connection with the Malampuzha Project and give those houses to the 300 Adivasis there? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" It is not a live question yet."

Unemployment of ex-toddy tappers.

* 1858 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 30th March 1954, containing the decisions of the ex-tappers' conference of Kasaragod taluk, South Kanara district, held on 13th February 1954 relating to unemployment relief to the ex-toddy tappers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A copy of the memorandum was communicated to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for necessary action. He has given a suitable reply to the hon. Member in his letter, dated 14th November 1954."

Improvements to Kuttilangadi-Vallikkapatta road.

* 1859 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the levelling of the Kuttilangadi-Vallikkapatta road in Walluvanad taluk, South Malabar district and the construction of a bridge at mile 4/4 on the same road have been included in the Post-war Road Development Scheme;

(*b*) whether the Malabar District Board has requested the Government to sanction the work; and

(*c*) if so, what orders the Government have passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) As no grant was available for new works, the district board was told that no grant would be sanctioned for these works."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the Government are aware that the work is included in

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the Local Development Schemes and that the execution of the work has not yet commenced because of some technical difficulties raised by the Public Works Department there? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" I want notice to answer this question."

Alleged ill-treatment of Kisan Sabha members in the Negamam Police station.

* 1860 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were received by the Government regarding the arrest, detention and beating of some members belonging to the Kisan Sabha in the Police lock-up on 2nd August 1954 in the Negamam Police station in Pollachi taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. The Government have not received any such representation. The District Superintendent of Police, Coimbatore, however, received a petition on the subject and he enquired into the allegations. According to his report, the allegations have not been proved."

Closure of the Islamia Tile Works, Kasargode.

* 1861 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Islamia Tile Works, Kasargode, South Kanara, was closed in June 1954 without giving any notice either to the workers or to the Government causing unemployment to more than 50 workers; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government propose to take against the management for this violation of the provisions of the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Islamia Tile Works Factory, Kasargode, was closed in June 1954 and the management intimated the closure of the factory to the Inspector of Factories, Mangalore."

" (*b*) The Secretary of the Tile Workers' Union, Kasargode, has been advised to ask the workers to put in claim petitions for lay-off wages."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether it is the duty of the management, under the Industrial Disputes Act, to simply inform the workers or to give due notice to the workers about the closure? Is the closure an illegal closure and, if so, what action have the Government taken to stop it? "